AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 4 through 9, and 12 through 18 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of generating a dependent media ~~item~~ track that is loosely synchronised to a source media track, the dependent media track comprising a sequence of dependent media items, said method comprising the steps of:

arranging, in an order, a sequence of ~~EDL~~ Edit Decision List (EDL) elements for a corresponding sequence of media items in ~~a~~ the source media track, wherein at least an ordered sub-set of the sequence of EDL elements ~~are associated with~~ contain track control attributes for corresponding dependent media items in the dependent media ~~item~~ track; and

generating the dependent media ~~item~~ track dependent upon at least some of said track control attributes and the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged,

wherein at least one dependent media item in the dependent track is dependent upon a track control attribute in an EDL element in the neighborhood of the corresponding EDL elements in the sub-set.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 comprising the further steps of:

re-ordering the sub-set of EDL elements; and

re-generating the dependent media ~~item~~ track dependent upon at least some of said track control attributes and the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is re-ordered.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 2, wherein the re-ordering step comprises deletion of at least one of the sub-set of EDL elements.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 3, wherein commencement of the dependent media ~~item~~ track is dependent upon a track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the sub-set of the EDL elements.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 3, wherein commencement of the dependent media ~~item~~ track is dependent upon a track control attribute associated with an EDL element which is positioned in the sequence of EDL elements prior to a first EDL element in the ordered sub-set of the EDL elements.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 3, wherein termination of the dependent media ~~item~~ track is dependent upon a track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the sub-set of the EDL elements.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 3, wherein termination of the dependent media ~~item~~ track is dependent upon a track control attribute associated with an EDL element which is positioned in the sequence of EDL elements subsequent to a final EDL element in the sub-set of the EDL elements.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the dependent media ~~item~~ track is a graphical overlay that is copied from a template which is referenced by one of said track control elements.

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 8, wherein the copy of the template is transformed to thereby form the dependent media ~~item~~ track.

10. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein a said media item in the source track comprises a copy of a media item which is referenced by a corresponding said EDL element in the sequence.

11. (Original) A method according to claim 10, wherein the copy of the media item is transformed to thereby form the media item in the source track.

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein a said track control attribute comprises one of an attribute to activate ~~the~~ a dependent media item in the dependent media track and an attribute to deactivate the dependent media item in the dependent media track.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for generating a dependent media ~~item~~ track that is loosely synchronized to a source media track, the dependent media track comprising a sequence of dependent media items, said apparatus comprising:

an editor for (i) arranging a sequence of ~~EDL~~ Edit Decision List (EDL) elements in an order, wherein at least an ordered sub-set of the EDL elements ~~are associated with~~ contain track control attributes for corresponding dependent media items in the dependent media ~~item~~ track, and (ii) producing a sequence of media items in a source track dependent upon at least some of the sequence EDL elements; and

means for generating the dependent media ~~item~~ track dependent upon at least some of said track control attributes and the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged,

wherein at least one dependent media item in the dependent track is dependent upon a track control attribute in an EDL element in the neighborhood of the corresponding EDL elements in the sub-set.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 13 wherein the editor is adapted for re-ordering the sub-set of EDL elements, and wherein said means for generating the dependent media ~~item~~ track is adapted for re-generating the dependent media ~~item~~ track dependent upon at least some of said track control attributes and the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is re-ordered.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer program product including a computer readable storage medium having recorded thereon a set of computer program modules comprising computer program code for directing a processor execute a procedure for generating a dependent media ~~item~~ track that is loosely synchronised to a source media track, the dependent media track comprising a sequence of dependent media items, said method comprising the steps of:

arranging, in an order, a sequence of ~~EDL~~ Edit Decision List (EDL) elements for a corresponding sequence of media items in a source media track, wherein at least an ordered sub-set of the sequence of EDL elements ~~are associated with~~ contain track control attributes for corresponding dependent media items in the dependent media ~~item~~ track; and

generating the dependent media ~~item~~ track dependent upon at least some of said track control attributes and the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged,

wherein at least one dependent media item in the dependent track is dependent upon a track control attribute in an EDL element in the neighborhood of the corresponding EDL elements in the sub-set.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer program product including a computer readable storage medium having recorded thereon a set of computer program modules comprising computer program code for directing a processor execute a procedure for generating a dependent media ~~item~~ track that is loosely synchronised to a source media track, the dependent media track comprising a sequence of dependent media items, said program comprising:

code for arranging, in an order, a sequence of ~~EDL~~ Edit Decision List (EDL) elements for a corresponding sequence of media items in a source media track, wherein at least an ordered

sub-set of the sequence of EDL elements ~~are associated with~~ contain track control attributes for corresponding dependent media items in the dependent media ~~item~~ track; and

code for generating the dependent media ~~item~~ track dependent upon at least some of said track control attributes and the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged,

wherein at least one dependent media item in the dependent track is dependent upon a track control attribute in an EDL element in the neighborhood of the corresponding EDL elements in the sub-set.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer readable ~~medium~~ memory, having a program recorded thereon, where the program is configured to make a computer execute a procedure for generating a dependent media ~~item~~ track that is loosely synchronised to a source media track, the dependent media track comprising a sequence of dependent media items, said program comprising:

code for arranging, in an order, a sequence of ~~EDL~~ Edit Decision List (EDL) elements for a corresponding sequence of media items in a source media track, wherein at least an ordered sub-set of the sequence of EDL elements ~~are associated with~~ contain track control attributes for corresponding dependent media items in the dependent media ~~item~~ track; and

code for generating the dependent media ~~item~~ track dependent upon at least some of said track control attributes and the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged,

wherein at least one dependent media item in the dependent track is dependent upon a track control attribute in an EDL element in the neighborhood of the corresponding EDL element in the sub-set.

18. (Currently Amended) A media production comprising a sequence of media items in a source track and a dependent media ~~item~~ track that is loosely synchronised to a source media track, the dependent media track comprising a sequence of dependent media items, the media items and the dependent media ~~item~~ track having been formed by a method comprising the steps of:

arranging a sequence of ~~EDL~~ Edit Decision List (EDL) elements in an order, wherein at least an ordered sub-set of the EDL elements ~~are associated with~~ contain track control attributes for corresponding dependent media items in the dependent media ~~item~~ track;

producing the sequence of media items in the source track dependent upon at least some of the sequence EDL elements; and

generating the dependent media ~~item~~ track dependent upon at least some of said track control attributes and the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged,

wherein at least one dependent media item in the dependent track is dependent upon a track control attribute in an EDL element in the neighborhood of the corresponding EDL element in the sub-set.